

## INDIANOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NARRATIVE #1

ORI **IA0910100**Case Number **2012-1227**Date **03/25/2012**Officer **Mesha Wagner****122**☐ Release to the Public

Reference Trip Number 2012-1208: On March 24th, 2012 at 1441hrs., I returned a phone call to Timothy Sly who stated is ex-wife, Kelli Sly, has been calling him and texting him all day. Tim advised there was a valid no contact order between him and Kelli and that she is the protected party. Tim advised she has called him and sent him text messages in the past but she has not been charged with violating the no contact order.

Tim stated Kelli was sending text messages stating that she couldn't live without him and that he needs to be a better father for their son. Tim advised he was worried that Kelli was going to hurt herself since she has a history of attempting suicide. Tim advised this past November she tried cutting her wrists and was hospitalized.

While I was talking with Tim, dispatch advised Kelli's mom had called and was wanting to talk with an officer regarding Kelli not being stable and depressed. After speaking with Tim, I then called Kelli's mother, Sherry. Sherry stated that she has been talking with Kelli today on the phone and that she seems very depressed and Sherry advised she was afraid Kelli might hurt herself. Both Sherry and Tim advised Kelli's 2 year old son, Gavin, was with Kelli. I asked both Sherry and Tim if Kelli were to seek treatment, would either one be able to come and take care of Gavin. Tim advised he was in Missouri and would not come up to get him. Sherry advised she was in Waukeet at a part time job would not leave to come get Gavin.

At this time Ofc. Marsh and myself went to Kelli's residence, 1301 E. 1st Ave. Apt.11 for a welfare check. When we arrived and knocked on the apartment door, Kelli opened the door and allowed us in her apartment. My first observation of the apartment was that it was very well kept and very clean. While speaking with Kelli she was standing in the hallway outside the bathroom, Gavin was in the bathroom in the bathtub taking a bath. I advised Kelli that Tim and her mother had contacted us and they were worried that she was going to hurt herself. Kelli started crying and told us she was just mad at Tim for not being a good father. She advised she had called and text messaged him and was wanting him to come take care of Gavin so that she can have some alone time. She advised Tim was refusing to come get Gavin. She advised she was just very angry at this time and stated she was not going to hurt herself. Kelli advised us many times while talking with her that she was not going to hurt herself and she would call us to get her help. Since Kelli advised she was not going to hurt herself and she was just very mad at Tim, Ofc. Marsh and myself left the residence.

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## NARRATIVE #2

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On 03/25/2012 at approx. 0920 hrs. I, Detective Keller, received a phone call from Officer Wagner requesting my assistance at a possible homicide scene. Officer Wagner advised that a female, identified as Kelli Sly, was involved in a fatality accident in Des Moines, Iowa. She advised that she along with Officer Marsh responded to 1301 E. First Avenue for a welfare check on Sly's child. Upon arrival at the residence they located the body of a 2 year old male who had obvious signs of being deceased.

I arrived at the residence at 0931 hrs. Upon arrival Officer Marsh, who had the apartment secured, showed me where the child was located. I observed a juvenile male under a blanket laying on the bed in the Northwest bedroom of the apartment. The male had blood on various parts of his body, however, there was no immediate apparent injury to the child. The bed had a large amount of blood in several locations. At the foot of the bed Officer Marsh pointed out a razor blade which he advised had not been touched or moved. The bathroom, directly across the hall from the bedroom, had a large amount of blood, as well as the kitchen area of the apartment. I was advised by Officer Marsh that the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) had been contacted and advised they would send an Agent as well as a Crime Scene Unit. The apartment was secured by Officer Marsh and Officers waited outside for the DCI Agent and Crime Scene Unit to arrive on scene.

I authored a Search Warrant for the residence at 1301 E. First Ave. #11, as well as the vehicle owned by Kelli Sly, a green Oldsmobile. The Search Warrant was signed by the Honorable Judge Parker. The search Warrant was executed at the residence. The DCI Crime Scene Unit, and Special Agent handled the processing of the Crime Scene including evidence collection, and photographs. During the scene processing, an envelope was located on the kitchen table addressed to "Tim". Inside of the envelope was a 2 Gigabyte Flash Drive.

Located on the Flash drive was a letter saved under the name "Last Words to Tim". The document was last modified on 03/24/2012 at 9:24 P.M. The Letter was an apparent Letter From Kelli Sly to Tim Sly. In the letter she expresses frustration and Anger towards Tim for lack of support from him. She expresses frustration that she had to be the one to care for their child alone. She also mentions in the letter that she had a "stillborn" child in November. Also on the Flash drive were several important documents such as Tax information, Marriage Certificates, Birth Certificates, etc... The majority of these documents were saved on the jump drive on Saturday March 17th 2012.

I was able to make contact and speak with residents at the following apartment numbers located in building 1301: #5, #6, #10, #12. I discovered that the apartment below Kelli Sly's apartment (#7) is currently vacant. All residents who I spoke with reported that they did not hear or see anything out of the ordinary on 03/24/2012-03/25/2012. They advised that Sly regularly parks her vehicle, a green Oldsmobile, near the trash dumpster on the South side of the apartment building.

When the DCI completed the processing of the crime scene I secured the door with a key provided by the apartment manager. I also secured the door with evidence tape.

On 03/25/2012 I sent a preservation request to United States Cellular for preservation of records related to Timothy Sly's phone number and Kelli Sly's phone number.

On 03/25/2012 at 1725 hrs. the personal property located in the envelope on the kitchen table, along with a laptop computer, and a cellular phone were all turned over to the Indianola Police Department by the DCI Crime Scene Unit.

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## NARRATIVE #3

ORI **IA0910100**Case Number **2012-1227**Date **03/27/2012**Officer **Brian Sher****115**☐ Release to the Public

On 3-24-12 at approx 0925, I was notified by cell phone of a homicide that occurred in Indianola. As I was driving towards Indianola, I contacted Det. Keller to start drafting a search warrant for the apartment. I was also told that the DCI had been contacted. I also contacted assistant Warren County Attorney Doug Eichholz to make him aware of the situation. I arrived at the Police Department, then went to the scene at 1301 E 1st #11. From the outside of the apartment I noticed a large amount of blood in the kitchen area of the apartment. I was told that there was a two year old male deceased on the bed in the master bedroom.

Officers Marsh and Wagner secured the apartment from the outside, and I waited for the DCI to arrive. DCI agents Adam Decamp and Don Schnitker arrived, and took charge of the scene. DCI agents contacted a crime scene unit to process the scene.

Once I was notified by Det. Keller that the search warrant was signed, I went back into the apartment with Agent Schnitker. Besides the blood in the kitchen, there was blood/bloody footprints between the bathroom and the master bedroom. There was a large amount of blood in the bathroom, and in the master bedroom. There was a razor blade in the bathroom, as well as on the floor of the master bedroom floor. Lying on the bed was the deceased two year old, with a blanket covering him. The two year old had blood on him, but no visible injuries. In the kitchen, on the counter was a water bottle with blood on it, and three pill bottles. These three pill bottles were: Walgreen's brand acetaminophen, 20 pills left out of 24, Advil P.M 200 mg, empty, Hydroxyzine Pamoate 50 mg, empty.

On the kitchen table was a lap top computer, a cell phone, a white piece of paper with names and numbers on it, and an envelope with the name "Tim" on it. Inside of this envelope was 2 photographs, 4 child onesies, 1 bib, 1 hat, an envelope w a card, 2 rings, a hospital band, and a jump-drive. Det. Keller looked at the jump-drive and this is noted in his report.

I went to the dumpsters behind the apartment building, and looked through them. In the east dumpster I located a glass with a oral baby/toddler syringe. At the bottom of the glass was an unknown substance. According to the crime scene unit, three other glasses that matched the glass located in the dumpster were located inside of the apartment.

At 1925 hours, the crime scene unit gave me the property that they do not need to analyze. At 1820 hrs Det Keller secured the apartment.

At the police department, myself, Det Keller and the crime scene unit went through some trash bags that was taken from the dumpsters at the apartment building. Nothing of note was located.

On 3-26-12 myself and Det. Keller interviewed Sherri Sinclair, the mother of Kelli Sly. Details of this interview will be noted in Det. Kellers report.

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## NARRATIVE #4

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On 03/26/2012 at approx. 1230 hrs. Detective Sergeant Brian Sher and Detective Justin Keller conducted an interview with Sherri Sinclair (dob 01/04/1957) at the Indianola Police Department. This interview was video and audio recorded in the Indianola Police Department interview room. Sinclair is the mother of Kelli Sly and grandmother of Gavin Sly.

Sinclair was advised by Det. Sgt. Sher regarding the findings of the Police Department's investigation to that point. She was advised that the cause of the death for Gavin Sly had still not been determined and that we were still waiting for autopsy reports.

During the interview Sinclair stated that Kelli Sly has had a long history with anxiety and depression. She stated that she has been prescribed medication for those disorders, however, she believes Kelli had recently stopped taking those medications. Kelli has expressed to Sinclair that she feels that the medications never have helped her. Sinclair stated that Kelli has seen Dr. Jensen in Indianola for those prescriptions. Sinclair stated that Kelli had a lot of anger towards her father due to her father's lack of relationship with her growing up. Sinclair advised that Kelli's father is an alcoholic and that Kelli had also reported to her in the past that she also had started drinking heavily. Sinclair stated that Kelli has made previous suicide attempts including an overdose on prescription medication and alcohol in November of 2008, and another attempt in November of 2011 during which she cut her wrist. Sinclair also described Kelli as a "liar" who was very good at lying and keeping things from people. She stated that there were several times in Kelli's life where she would go from being calm and controlled to completely upset and out of control. She described an incident when Kelli was a juvenile during which Kelli was upset and throwing and breaking things in the residence. Sinclair called the Police Department to have her transported to a shelter. When the Police Department arrived she stated that Kelli was perfectly calm and acted as if nothing had happened. When the Police Officer attempted to get Kelli to go with him to the shelter she again became extremely upset and out of control.

She stated that Kelli recently had several difficult things going on in her life including the divorce between she and Tim Sly, the loss of a job, and a pending eviction at her apartment. She stated that the eviction was due to a noise complaint regarding Kelli's child, Gavin Sly, crying. She stated that Kelli felt like she was soon going to be homeless because of the eviction and was having a difficult time coping with that. Sinclair stated that Kelli was also overwhelmed because of lack of support and help with raising their child from Tim Sly. She stated that Kelli felt as if Tim did everything that he wanted to do and she had to raise their child by herself.

Sinclair stated that she was last at Kelli's residence on Sunday March 18th. She stated that Kelli had just cleaned the house although the house was usually always kept very clean. She stated that Kelli was almost what she would describe as "OCD".

Sinclair advised that Kelli and Gavin came to her residence in Waukee on Friday March 23rd. She stated that the two of them spent the night at her residence and that they all seemed to have a very good time together. Sinclair stated that Kelli and Gavin left sometime late morning on Saturday. Later that afternoon she received a phone call from Kelli. She stated that Kelli was extremely upset about everything including the eviction, not having a job, and issues with Tim. During that conversation Kelli stated to Sinclair "You realize I'm my dad". She also stated that she is "tired of things not going right and that she wanted to kill herself." Sinclair told Kelli that she should call the Police so that the Police could help her. Kelli responded that she didn't want to call the Police because they would take Gavin away from her. Sinclair then told Kelli that she was not in any shape to be taking care of Gavin and that she needs to focus on taking care of herself right now rather than taking care of Gavin." Kelli responded "You're a piece of shit mom." and hung up the phone.

Sinclair stated that she communicated with Tim Sly who had also been speaking with Kelli. Sinclair stated that Tim told her he was in Missouri with his boss and was unable to pick up Gavin until Sunday. He advised that if Sinclair took Kelli somewhere to get help on Sunday then he would take Gavin. Sinclair sent a text message to Kelli telling her that Tim agreed to take Gavin on Sunday if she went to get help. Kelli responded that she did not agree to that, Tim agreed to it.

Sinclair stated that she then called the Indianola Police Department for a welfare check to be done on Kelli because she was concerned something would happen.

Sinclair was told by Det. Sgt. Sher about the property that was located inside of the envelope which was found on the kitchen table. She was also told about the important documents and photographs which were saved on the flash drive on March 17, 2012. Sinclair stated that Kelli was recently putting together several important documents and personal items for Tim which Tim had requested during the divorce. Sinclair stated that Kelli had asked her whether or not she should give those items to Tim and she told her that she should. When told what items were found in the envelope Sinclair stated that many of those were the items that Tim had asked for.

When asked about her knowledge of a still-born or miscarried baby, Sinclair stated that she knew nothing about that. She mentioned again that Kelli does lie about a lot of things and has been known to lie in the past to get attention.

Sinclair was asked about Kelli's relationship to Tim. Sinclair stated that Kelli and Tim were actually split up when Kelli

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found out that she was pregnant with Gavin. She stated that the two of them got back together and then got married on March 19th, 2009. She stated that Kelli and Tim never really got along and were always fighting. She stated that in August of 2011 the two of them split up again and began the divorce process.